



Aruba's ONLY English newspaper

## AI pervades everyday life with almost no oversight. States scramble to catch up

By JESSE BEDAYN

Associated Press/Report for America  
DENVER (AP) —

While artificial intelligence made headlines with ChatGPT, behind the scenes, the technology has quietly pervaded everyday life — screening job resumes, rental apartment applications, and even determining medical care in some cases.

While a number of AI systems have been found to discriminate, tipping the scales in favor of certain races, genders or incomes, there's scant government oversight.

Lawmakers in at least seven states are taking big legislative swings to regulate bias in artificial intelligence, filling a void left by Congress' inaction. These proposals are some of the first steps in a decades-long discussion over balancing the benefits of this nebulous new technology with the widely documented risks.

"AI does in fact affect every part of your life whether you know it or not," said Suresh Venkatasubramanian, a Brown University professor who co-authored the White House's Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights.



Text from the ChatGPT page of the OpenAI website is shown in this photo, in New York, Feb. 2, 2023. Lawmakers in at least seven states are taking big legislative swings to regulate bias in artificial intelligence.

Continued on Page 2

Associated Press  
Page 2

**For the BEST & the BIGGEST Steak**  
*and so much more!*

**Lobby Bar Menu**

**FRIDAYS**  
**2 FOR 1 Sangria**

**Lunch Special**  
EVERYDAY 11:30AM - 5PM

**\$28.90** + 15% SC  
TAX IS INCLUDED.

**Local Deal**  
SATURDAY

**15% OFF** For Locals

Open daily from 11:30am - 11pm. Mondays Closed. Wilhelminastraat #80. Oranjestad, Aruba. Phone: +297 582-3677 • www.elgaucho-aruba.com

## Pinchos Grill & Bar

Now in its 20th plus year, owned and run by a local family.

Open 7 days a week, as of 5:00PM  
Full Service Bar  
Live Music on weekends

Reservations: (297) 583 2666 or reservations@pinchosgrillaruba.com



# AI pervades everyday life with almost no oversight. States scramble to catch up

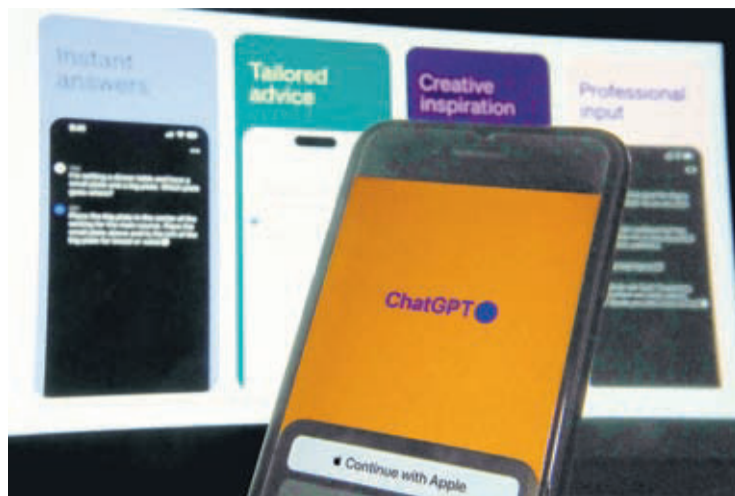
Continued from Front

“Now, you wouldn’t care if they all worked fine. But they don’t.”

Success or failure will depend on lawmakers working through complex problems while negotiating with an industry worth hundreds of billions of dollars and growing at a speed best measured in lightyears.

Last year, only about a dozen of the nearly 200 AI-related bills introduced in statehouses were passed into law, according to BSA The Software Alliance, which advocates on behalf of software companies.

Those bills, along with the over 400 AI-related bills being debated this year, were largely aimed at regulating smaller slices of AI. That in-



The ChatGPT app is seen on an iPhone in New York, May 18, 2023.

Associated Press

cludes nearly 200 targeting deepfakes, including proposals to bar pornographic deepfakes, like those of Taylor Swift that flooded social media. Others are trying to rein in chatbots, such as ChatGPT, to ensure they

don’t cough up instructions to make a bomb, for example.

Those are separate from the seven state bills that would apply across industries to regulate AI discrimination — one of the technology’s

most perverse and complex problems — being debated from California to Connecticut.

Those who study AI’s penchant to discriminate say states are already behind in establishing guardrails. The use of AI to make consequential decisions — what the bills call “automated decision tools” — is pervasive but largely hidden.

Yet the majority of Americans are unaware that these tools are being used, polling from Pew Research shows, let alone whether the systems are biased.

An AI can learn bias through the data it’s trained on, typically historical data that can hold a Trojan Horse of past discrimination.

Amazon scuttled its hiring algorithm project after it was found to favor male applicants nearly a decade ago. The AI was trained to assess new resumes by learning from past resumes — largely male applicants. While the algorithm didn’t know the applicants’ genders, it still downgraded resumes with the word “women’s” or that listed women’s colleges, in part because they were not represented in the historical data it learned from.

“If you are letting the AI learn from decisions that existing managers have historically made, and if those decisions have historically favored some people and disfavored others, then that’s what the technology will learn,” said Christine Webber, the attorney in a class-action lawsuit alleging that an AI system scoring rental applicants discriminated against those who were Black or Hispanic. Court documents describe one of the lawsuit’s plaintiffs, Mary Louis, a Black woman, applied to rent an apartment in Massachusetts and received a cryptic response: “The third-party service we utilize to screen all prospective tenants has denied your tenancy.”

When Louis submitted two landlord references to show she’d paid rent early or on time for 16 years, court records say, she received another reply: “Unfortunately, we do not accept appeals and cannot override the out-

come of the Tenant Screening.”

That lack of transparency and accountability is, in part, what the bills are targeting, following the lead of California’s failed proposal last year — the first comprehensive attempt at regulating AI bias in the private sector.

Under the bills, companies using these automated decision tools would have to do “impact assessments,” including descriptions of how AI figures into a decision, the data collected and an analysis of the risks of discrimination, along with an explanation of the company’s safeguards. Depending on the bill, those assessments would be submitted to the state or regulators could request them.

Some of the bills would also require companies to tell customers that an AI will be used in making a decision, and allow them to opt out, with certain caveats.

Craig Albright, senior vice president of U.S. government relations at BSA, the industry lobbying group, said its members are generally in favor of some steps being proposed, such as impact assessments.

“The technology moves faster than the law, but there are actually benefits for the law catching up. Because then (companies) understand what their responsibilities are, consumers can have greater trust in the technology,” Albright said.

But it’s been a lackluster start for legislation. A bill in Washington state has already floundered in committee, and a California proposal introduced in 2023, which many of the current proposals are modeled off of, also died.

California Assembly member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan has revamped her legislation that failed last year with the support of some tech companies, such as Workday and Microsoft, after dropping a requirement that companies routinely submit their impact assessments. Other states where bills are, or are expected to be, introduced are Colorado, Rhode Island, Illinois, Connecticut, Virginia and Vermont. □

Experience Aruban culture with this exciting theme night featuring a Carnival show, mixology bar, local artists and more. You can sample Aruban cuisine, including delicious BBQ options with a tropical twist. A local brass band will be performing, and you can pose with elaborately dressed Carnival dancers for a memorable photo op as well, so don't miss it.

**USD \$55pp\***  
Kids 6-12 yrs. pay ½ price

Book your table at [RenArubaEvents.com](http://RenArubaEvents.com) and party like a local!

Renaissance Ocean Suites Beach  
Thursday Nights, 6:30-10pm

**DUSHI ARUBA THIS WAY: PARTY LIKE A LOCAL.**

**R RENAISSANCE**  
WIND CREEK ARUBA RESORT

\*Plus service charge



# Biden administration would cap credit card late fees at \$8, part of campaign against junk fees

By KEN SWEET and JOSH BOAK Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration announced a rule Tuesday to cap all credit card late fees, the latest effort in the White House push to end what it has called junk fees and a move that regulators say will save Americans up to \$10 billion a year.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's new regulations will set a ceiling of \$8 for most credit card late fees or require banks to show why they should charge more than \$8 for such a fee.

The rule would bring the average credit card late fee down from \$32. The bureau estimates banks brought in roughly \$14 billion in credit card late fees a year.

President Joe Biden highlighted the proposal along with other efforts to reduce costs to Americans at a meeting of his competition council on Tuesday. The Democratic president also said he's forming a new strike force to crack down on illegal and unfair pricing on things like groceries, prescription drugs, health care, housing and financial services.

Biden said at the start of the council meeting that the current late fees are generating five times more money than what it costs credit card companies to collect late payments.

"They're padding their profit margins and charging hardworking Americans more," Biden said. "It's a lot of money."

The president also noted that companies are effectively raising prices by putting fewer potato chips in the bags sold at grocery stores. Even the "Sesame Street" character Cookie Monster has noticed so-called "shrinkflation" by saying on social media that he's paying more for fewer cookies, Biden said. The strike force will be led by the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission, according to a White House statement. The Biden administration



Rohit Chopra, director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, speaks as President Joe Biden, left, looks on during a meeting with Biden's Competition Council to announce new actions to lower costs for families in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Associated Press

has portrayed the White House Competition Council as a way to save people money and promote greater competition within the U.S. economy.

The White House Council of Economic Advisers produced an analysis indicating that the Biden administration's efforts overall will eliminate \$20 billion in annual junk fees. The analysis found that consumers pay about \$90 billion a year in junk fees, including for concerts, apartment rentals and auto dealers.

The effort appears to have done little to help Biden politically ahead of this year's presidential election. Just 34% of U.S. adults approve of Biden's economic leadership, according to a new survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Sen. Tim Scott, R-South Carolina, criticized the CFPB cap on credit card late fees, saying that consumers would ultimately face greater costs through higher interest rates and less access to credit. "It will decrease the availability of credit card products for those who need it most, raise rates for many borrowers who carry a balance but pay on time, and increase the likelihood of late payments across the board," Scott said.

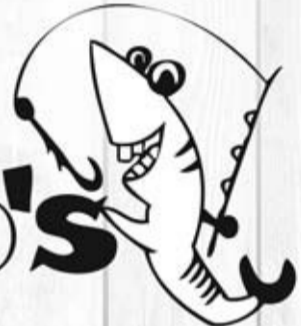
Rob Nichols, the CEO of

the American Bankers Association, said the CFPB "relied on flawed assumptions and a mischaracterization of the important role late fees play in promoting responsible consumer behavior." The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said it will file a lawsuit to try to prevent the federal agency from capping late fees at \$8.


"The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has exceeded its authority," said Neil Bradley, the chamber's executive vice president and chief policy officer.

"The agency's final credit card late fee rule punishes Americans who pay their credit card bills on time by forcing them to pay for those who don't." □

# WACKY WAHOO'S



Your first choice for locally caught fish and seafood on the island. Very reasonably priced, exciting menu and no service charge added to your bill.



We are open from Monday - Saturday from 5.30pm - 10pm. No reservation required! We operate on a first come first serve system.

Located within walking distance from the High Rise hotels at Palm Beach #33. For more information call +297-586.7333



# Nashville cleared the runway for an emergency. Pilot said 'I'm too far away'

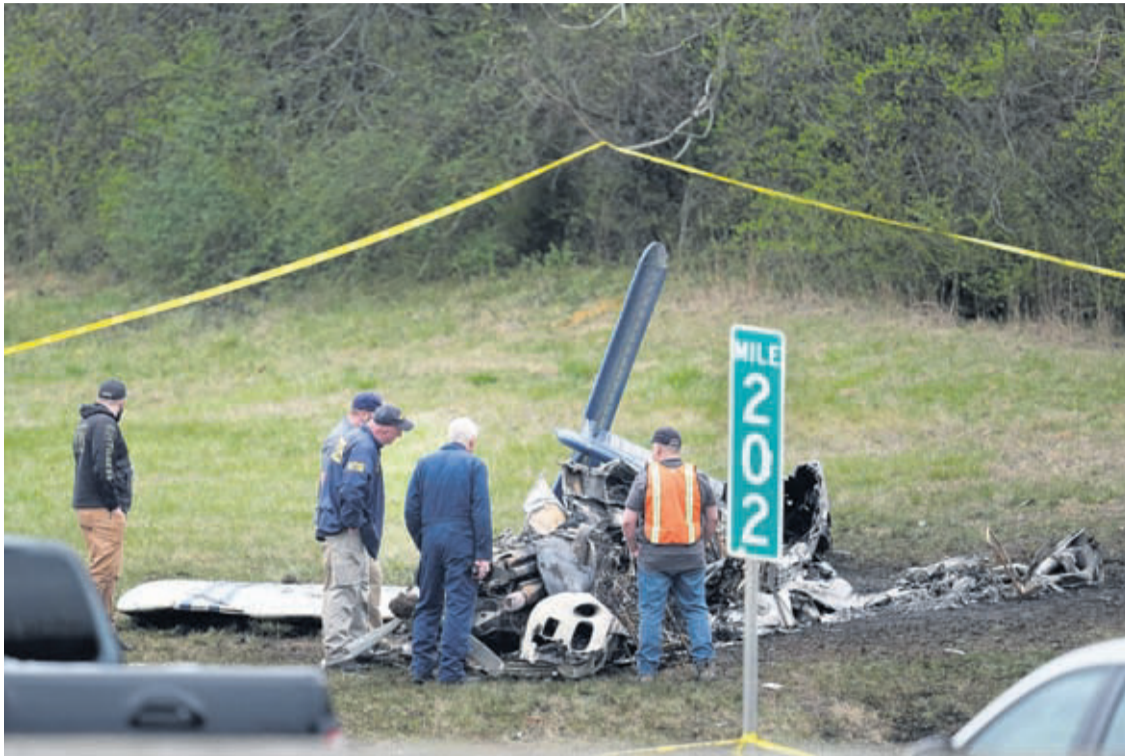
By **JONATHAN MATTISE and TRAVIS LOLLER**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — The pilot of a single-engine plane that crashed near downtown Nashville told air traffic controllers he could see the runway they were clearing for an emergency landing. But he said he couldn't reach it.

"I'm going to be landing I don't know where!" the pilot said before the plane crashed alongside Interstate 40, killing all five people aboard.

The pilot had another adult and three children on board, National Transportation Safety Board investigator Aaron McCarter said at a Tuesday news conference. He said the five are Canadian citizens, and the agency is working with the Canadian government to determine their identities.

He said it is too early to know what caused the crash. Investigators do not yet know the pilot's qualifications or how many flight hours he had, but his experience is one of the things they will be investigating.



Investigators look over a small plane crash alongside eastbound Interstate 40 at mile marker 202 on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, in Nashville, Tenn.

The pilot radioed air traffic controllers at around 7:40 p.m. Monday reporting that his engine had shut down. He said he had overflown John C. Tune airport, just west of downtown, at 2,500 feet and had circled around in an attempt to land, according to a re-

ording of their radio transmissions. They cleared runway two at the airport, and urged him to glide the plane down. But the plane had already descended to 1,600 feet (488 meters) by then, he said. "I'm too far away. I'm not

going to make it," he said. That was the last they heard from the plane, which dropped off radar as it lost altitude. The plane crashed as Matthew Wisner was driving on the interstate, and he posted a photo of the fiery wreckage on social media.

Associated Press

"I saw an airplane essentially crash out of the sky, fall out of the sky, and hit the ground at around a 45 degree angle," Wisner said in a phone interview. "When it hit the ground, there was a 30 to 40 foot explosion of fire. And all of the traffic on the interstate stopped and kind of processed what they saw."

Air traffic controllers then directed a local helicopter crew to survey the approach to the airport in search of the plane, while keeping other aircraft out of the emergency area. Within minutes, a flood of emergency vehicles were speeding to the scene, Wisner said.

They discovered that the plane burst into flames in the grass, just off the highway and behind a Costco on the city's westside, about 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) south of the general aviation airport.

"It appears that everyone on board perished," Metro Nashville Police Department spokesman Don Aaron said. □

# Homes near St. Louis County creek are being tested after radioactive contamination found in yards

By **JIM SALTER**  
Associated Press

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — A federal agency is examining soil beneath homes in a small suburban St. Louis subdivision to determine if residents are living atop Cold War era nuclear contamination. But activists say

the testing needs to be far more widespread. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is taking soil samples at six properties in Florissant, Missouri, that sit near Coldwater Creek, a meandering waterway contaminated after nuclear waste was dumped there in the 1960s.

The decision was made to look beneath the homes after contamination was found in the homes' backyards, but not the front yards, Jeremy Idleman of the Corps' St. Louis office said Tuesday. Preliminary results could be available by the end of the week, Idleman said. If contamination is discovered beneath the homes, they will be remediated. But Idleman declined to speculate on what that would involve or if the homes might have to be demolished. Corps officials do not believe any other homes in the area need to be tested, Idleman said. Activists with Just Moms STL, a group that for decades has advocated on behalf of people living near nuclear waste sites in the St. Louis region,

disagree. "There's so many homes on the banks of this creek, for miles," Karen Nickel, co-founder of Just Moms STL, said Tuesday. "What about the rest of those homes? I don't think we can say that we trust the Army Corps anymore." A news release from the Corps of Engineers said that when the Cades Cove subdivision was being built, a portion of the creek was covered in fill dirt. The Corps said the current testing will determine if that fill dirt is contaminated. The homes were built more than 30 years ago. "We are deeply invested in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the residents," Phil Moser, St. Louis District program manager for the Formerly Utilized Sites Reme-

dial Action Program, said in the news release. "Every step we take is grounded in rigorous research, precise data, and evidence-based remediation decisions." Uranium processing in the St. Louis area played a pivotal role in developing the nuclear weapons that helped bring an end to World War II and provided a key defense during the Cold War. But eight decades later, the region is still dealing with contamination at several sites. Nuclear waste stored near Lambert Airport made its way into Coldwater Creek in the 1960s. Many people in that area believe the contamination is responsible for cancers and other illnesses, though experts say connecting radiation exposure to illness is difficult. □



Coldwater Creek flows Friday, April 7, 2023, in Florissant, Mo. Associated Press



## EU plans to boost defense industry and move away from U.S. dependency

By RAF CASERT  
Associated Press

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — The European Union on Tuesday outlined ambitious plans to boost its defense industry as it responds to the threat posed by Russia's war on Ukraine and seeks to wean member nations off an over-dependence on the U.S. defense industry.

The plans by the EU Commission center on streamlining the procurement of arms by the 27 EU states and to increasingly produce them within the bloc in a multi-billion-dollar pivot away from the United States.

In the first 16 months since the February 2022 start of the Ukraine war, "member states spent more than €100 billion on defense acquisitions," said EU Commission Vice President Margrethe Vestager. "Almost 80% of that was spent outside of the European Union and the U.S. alone accounted for more than 60% of this spending."

"This is no longer sustainable if it ever was," Vestager said.

The need for some strategic independence from



Ukrainian servicemen of the 28th Separate Mechanised Brigade fires a 122mm mortar towards Russian positions at the front line, near Bakhmut, Donetsk region, Ukraine, Sunday, March 3, 2024.  
Associated Press

the EU's pre-eminent ally in NATO underscores a sense of political estrangement from Washington, which has been reinforced by the strong showing of former President Donald Trump in the U.S. presidential campaign and his barbed comments on the level of Euro-

pean defense spending. For decades, EU nations have slumbered under the protective nuclear cover of the United States through the NATO alliance while their defense spending and crisis preparedness withered.

EU Commissioner Thierry

Breton, who is a driving force behind a stronger EU defense industry, said it was essential for the bloc to fall back on its own industrial base.

"Will it be bad news for the U.S. defense industry, the Korean defense industry? I don't know. What we know

is that we need to increase our capacity to produce what is needed. And by the way, today we have to be honest, the U.S. cannot provide what is necessary, especially for ammunition," Breton said.

Now, with an increasingly assertive Moscow, the need to beef up defense is becoming ever clearer.

"After decades of under-spending, we must invest more on defense, but we need to do it better and together," EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said. "A strong, resilient, and competitive European defense industry is a strategic imperative."

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has exposed glaring weaknesses in Europe's arms manufacturing capacities that were neglected in the wake of the 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall and the promise of a peace dividend in Europe.

So when Kyiv was badly in need of the most elementary ammunition to stave off Russian forces, European nations were caught out, unable to deliver what was asked and even promised. □

## U.N. warns of climate change impact on farms and rural households run by women in poor countries

**ROME (AP)** — Women who run farms and rural households in poor countries suffer more from climate change and are discriminated against as they try to adapt to other sources of income in times of crises, the United Nations warned Tuesday.

A new report by the Food and Agriculture Organization, "The Unjust Climate," found that female-headed rural households lose on average 8% more of their income during heat waves and 3% more during floods, compared to male-headed households.

That disparity translates into a per capita reduction of \$83 due to heat stress and

\$35 due to floods coming up to an annual total of \$37 billion and \$16 billion respectively in poor coun-

tries, the U.N. agency said in the report.

"Considering the significant existing differences in ag-



A woman walks along a path in a deserted field in Zvimba, rural Zimbabwe, on June 26, 2021.  
Associated Press

ricultural productivity and wages between women and men, the study suggests that if not addressed, climate change will greatly widen these gaps in the years ahead," FAO said.

The Rome-based FAO came up with the statistics by surveying 100,000 rural households across 24 poor and middle-income countries around the world. The agency then integrated that data with 70 years of precipitation and temperature data.

Significantly, the report noted that few government plans to address climate change and promote adaptation strategies take into account the specific

vulnerabilities of rural women and youths.

Only 6% of the more than 4,000 proposals contained in the national climate adaptation plans of the countries surveyed mentioned women.

The report noted that in many poor countries, women are discriminated against in their ability to have rights to land or to make decisions over their work. When they then try to diversify their sources of income as a result of climate crises reducing farm and livestock productivity, they also face discrimination in gaining access to information, financing and technology. □



# Gang rape of a tourist in India highlights its struggle to curb sexual violence against women

By **SHEIKH SAALIQ**  
**Associated Press**

**NEW DELHI (AP)** — The woman in the Instagram video appeared shaken. Her face was swollen and bruised. Sitting beside her husband, she began recounting her ordeal.

"Something happened to us that we wouldn't wish on anyone," she said in Spanish, with captions in English. Her husband then said: "We were assaulted in the tent. We were beaten. They put a knife to our necks and she was raped by seven guys."

In the video that has since been deleted, the woman said the assault on her and her Spanish partner both travel bloggers took place in a forest late Friday in eastern Jharkhand state's Dumka district where they were camping on their way to neighboring Nepal.

The couple, who had been documenting their trip for more than 200,000 followers on an Instagram account, were found by a police patrol van which took them to a hospital, where the woman told the doctor she had been raped.



**Three men arrested for the alleged gang rape of a Spanish tourist are brought by police to be produced before the Dumka District Court in Dumka, Jharkhand, India, Monday, March 4, 2024.**  
**Associated Press**

Police in Jharkhand confirmed the incident and arrested three men over the weekend. On Monday, police said they were searching for four more suspects. The Associated Press generally doesn't identify victims of sexual assault. The case triggered a nationwide outcry over one of India's rampant problems:

a decades-long struggle to curb rising sexual violence against women. Reports of horrific sexual assaults on women have become familiar in India, where police recorded 31,516 rape cases in 2022, a 20% increase from 2021, according to the National Crime Records Bureau. The real figure is believed

to be far higher due to the stigma surrounding sexual violence and victims' lack of faith in police. Women's rights activists say the problem is particularly acute in rural areas, where victims of sexual assault are sometimes shamed by the community and families worry about their social standing. "Often, the victims are vic-

timized further with insults, and it makes it very difficult for them to report the crime to the police. In such cases, women think it is best to keep quiet," said Mariam Dhawale, a women's rights activist and general secretary of the All India Democratic Women's Association.

Rape and sexual violence have been under the spotlight since the brutal 2012 gang rape and killing of a 23-year-old student on a New Delhi bus. The attack galvanized massive protests and inspired lawmakers to order the creation of fast-track courts dedicated to rape cases and stiffen penalties.

The rape law was amended in 2013, criminalizing stalking and voyeurism and lowering the age at which a person can be tried as an adult from 18 to 16.

Despite stringent laws, rights activists say the government is still not doing enough to protect women and punish attackers.

"Often, investigations in rape cases are messed up by the police and timely evidence is not collected. □

# The Spanish region of Catalonia offers women and girls free and reusable menstruation products

By **JOSEPH WILSON and RENATA BRITO**

**Associated Press**

**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)** — Spain's Catalonia region

rolled out a pioneering women's health initiative this week that offers reusable menstruation products for free.

About 2.5 million women, girls, transgender and non-binary people who menstruate can receive one menstrual cup, one pair of underwear for periods and two packages of cloth pads at local pharmacies in northeast Spain free of charge.

The Catalan government said that the initiative, which is called "My period, my rules," was meant to "guarantee the right to menstrual equity." The regional government cited statistics that said 23% of women polled by Catalonia's public opinion office said they had reused hygiene products designed for a single use for economic reasons.

Tània Verge, Catalonia's regional minister for equality and feminism, called the program a "global first."

Scotland's government passed a law in 2020 to ensure period products are available for free to anyone who needs them. But in comparison with the Catalan program, in Scotland the products are for single use and are distributed through schools, colleges and universities, not pharmacies.

"We are fighting menstrual poverty, which affects one in four women in Catalonia, but is also about gender justice. We are fighting the stereotypes and taboos about menstruation," Verge told The Associated

Press.

"And (...) it is about climate justice. We need to reduce the tons of waste generated by single-use menstrual products."

The distribution of reusable products is also aimed at reducing waste. The regional government said that Catalonia produces about 9,000 tons of waste from single-use menstrual hygiene products.

The reusable products are acquired by the public health care system, which covers the entire population, and distributed by Catalonia's 3,000-plus private pharmacies. The program cost the regional government 8.5 million euros (\$9.2 million). □



**A pharmacist prepares an underwear for periods next to other items free of charge, at a pharmacy in Barcelona, Spain, Tuesday, March 5, 2024.**

**Associated Press**



## Play at LIV Casino located at the Barcelo Aruba: Your Premier Destination for Gaming Excitement



**(Oranjestad) - LIV Casino, nestled within the luxurious confines of Barcelo Aruba, welcomes you to experience the pinnacle of gaming excitement. With a diverse array of offerings, LIV Casino promises an unparalleled entertainment experience for guests seeking thrills and fortunes.**

Featuring a total of 123 slot machines, LIV Casino boasts an extensive selection to cater to every gaming preference. Among them, 114 are Dollar machines, while 9 are



Florin machines, ensuring there's a game for everyone's taste and budget.

But that's not all - LIV Casino takes pride in its comprehensive table game offerings. Guests can indulge in the classic allure of Blackjack, the anticipation of the Roulette wheel, and the strategic intrigue of Three Card Poker. Each table hosts its progressive jackpot, adding an extra layer of excitement to every hand dealt and every spin made.

LIV Casino opens its doors from 11AM to 3AM, providing ample opportunity for guests to immerse themselves in the thrill of gaming. For table game enthusiasts, the excitement extends into the evening, with table opening hours from 4:30PM till closing.

In response to our guests' ever-evolving preferences, LIV Casino has expanded its repertoire with several new machines. Embrace the thrill of Bao Zhu Zhao Fu - Festival Explosion and explore the dynamic offerings of Interblock - Universal Cabinets, featuring Golden Ball Roulette, Blackjack, and Craps. The possibilities are endless, and the winnings await those bold enough to try their luck.

"We are excited to invite guests to experience the excitement and luxury of LIV Casino," said Marc Charley, Casino General Manager at LIV Casino. "Whether you're a seasoned gambler or a novice seeking adventure, LIV Casino promises an unforgettable gaming experience."

Embark on a journey of excitement and for-

tune at LIV Casino, where every moment is infused with anticipation and possibility. Join us today and discover the thrill of gaming at its finest.

For more information, visit [www.livaruba.com](http://www.livaruba.com)

About LIV Casino, Barcelo Aruba: LIV Casino, located within the lavish Barcelo Aruba resort, offers a premier gaming experience on the stunning island of Aruba. With a wide range of slot machines and table games, as well as the allure of progressive jackpots, LIV Casino provides endless entertainment for both novice and seasoned players. The casino operates from 11 AM to 3 AM, while table games are available from 4:30 PM till closing. □



## Prohibited by law: leaving the island with seashells, white sand or corals

**(Oranjestad)—Often times, the customs department at the airport intercepts many tourists leaving the island with seashells, white sand and/or corals as souvenirs.**

Conforming to the international treaty of CITES and our local law which protects our Flora & Fauna, it is absolutely prohibited to take any seashell, sand and coral outside of Aruba. This is to protect our environment. The high number of seashells, coral and amount of sand confiscated is very strange and it is suspected that our own locals are the ones selling these to the tourists, which is unacceptable. Upon confiscation at the airport, you can also face a fine that they have to pay before leaving. This is

surely not a pleasant experience for the tourist. This also leads to a negative reaction which can put our tourism in a negative light.

Though we love to accommodate our visitors, let's all give nature the respect it deserves by protecting our environment. Stop collecting seashells, white sand and corals from our shores and stop buying or accepting these from local sellers or companies.

We want our future generations and visitors to enjoy the beauty of our beaches, shells and corals in a sustainable way, without destroying or disrupting the Aruban ecosystem. Help us protect what is ours! □





**Free Sangria**  
WITH THIS COUPON  
**ACROBATIC**  
**LIVE SHOW**  
Wed & Fri - 7pm-9pm

**SHOW TICKETS**  
**\$35 p/p**  
[www.rccava.com](http://www.rccava.com)  
Reservations:  
**+297 744 4059**

**AQUA GRILL**

**FREE DESSERT**

Not valid with other promotions, coupons or vouchers. Valid with purchase of appetizer and entree. Each coupon is valid for one person per table.

SCAN ME

PLEASE CUT HERE

**ARUBA'S PREMIER SEAFOOD RESTAURANT**

Reservations **+(297) 586-5900**  
[www.aqua-grill.com](http://www.aqua-grill.com)



**(Oranjestad)—Today we celebrate Valentine's Day, and what can be more romantic than surprising your partner with a date watching the sunset. Aruba's sunset leave many speechless, and luckily, the best spots to view the sunset are entirely accessible and easy to find. Here are some of the best places to view the sunset on the island.**

**California Light House**  
Of course, being one of the highest point easily accessible to locals and tourists, the California Light House hill not only offers a tremendous view of the sunset, but also a breath taking scenery of most of the island. In the distance you can spot all the hotels, the western shoreline and the wild waves that crash on the northern side of the island.

## Best spots to view the sunset

**Manchebo & Eagle Beach**  
Speaking of the western shoreline, the best spots for viewing the sunset on the beach has to be either Manchebo Beach or at Eagle Beach, which stretch along the entire western coast of the island starting from behind Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort up to the Amsterdam Manor roundabout. The sunset on these beaches is truly breathtaking; the sky and ocean look so big and spacious, and paired with the orange/pink hue of the sunset, the white sandy beaches and the soft sounds of waves crashing—it can only be described as an experience!

**Arashi Beach**  
Another beach that has to be considered as another great spot to view the sunset. Arashi Beach is the last beach you will find along the western coast line, just before you drive up the hill to the California Light House. A favorite for surfers and body boarders, the Arashi sky stretches out for miles, lending a spectacular canvas for the sun to create a masterpiece of orange, pink and purple hue.



of the sunset and the island as a little reward. Climb on top the 587-step stairs and reach the top to enjoy this incredible scenery.

**Hooiberg Hill**  
These last two options are for more active couples. If you and your partner like to hike, the Hooiberg Hill may be a great place for you to get your daily workout in and enjoy a beautiful view

**Casibari Rock Formation**  
If you're a rock climber, you might enjoy watching the sunset on top of the Casibari Rock Formation. It's no Yosemite, but it does offer a fun little exercise to get to the top. But if you prefer not to get your hands a little dirty, you can always use the stairs in the back. □

## Aruba to me

**ORANJESTAD — You are back and we would like to portrait you! By inviting you to send us your favorite vacation picture while enjoying our Happy Island.**

Complete the sentence: Aruba to me is ..... Send your picture with that text (including your name and where you are from) to: [news@arubatoday.com](mailto:news@arubatoday.com) and we will publish your vacation memory. Isn't that a special way to keep your best moments alive? Please do note: By submitting photos, text or any other

materials, you give permission to The Aruba Today Newspaper, Caribbean Speed Printers and any of its affiliated companies to use said materials, as well as names, likeness, etc. for promotional purposes without compensation. Last but not least: check out our website, Instagram and Facebook page! Thank you for supporting our free newspaper, we strive to make you a happy reader every day again.

For today we received a lovely message from our



awesome visitors Fred and Melinda Bates from Rhode Island, USA.

They wrote to us saying:

"Aruba to me is "just chilling." We are from Rhode Island and it's our 5th time here, celebrating our 60th birthdays!"

Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □



**Weekly Free Slot or Table Play for all qualified Club members.**

**WILDER**  
*Wednesday*

— WIN A SHARE OF UP TO —

**\$1,000 in Free Slot Play**

Every Wednesday | 10am to Midnight

Earn 25 points and swipe at any kiosk to play.  
Win \$20 to \$100 in Free Slot Play.  
Play up to five times each Wednesday.

**THE SHOPS AT ALHAMBRA CASINO**

Aruba Tours & Adventures | Auntie Anne's Pretzels | Aruba Aloe  
Behind The Mask | Juan Valdez Café | Baskin-Robbins  
The Brownstone Ribs and Seafood | The Market | M8 Boutique  
Fusion - Piano Wine & Cigar Bar | Shalom Body & Soul Spa  
Hungry Piranha - Pizza, Wings & More | Twist of Flavors  
The Lazy Lizard | Dunkin Donuts | Shalom Hair & Nails Bar  
Magnet Perfume Jewelry & Cosmetics | Curated Lab

**Alhambra**  
CASINO AND SHOPS

Open daily 10am to 3am | J.E. Irausquin Blvd #47 | 583.5000 | casinoalhambra.com

Play Responsibly. Visit [www.gamblersanonymous.org](http://www.gamblersanonymous.org) if you or someone you know has a gambling problem.



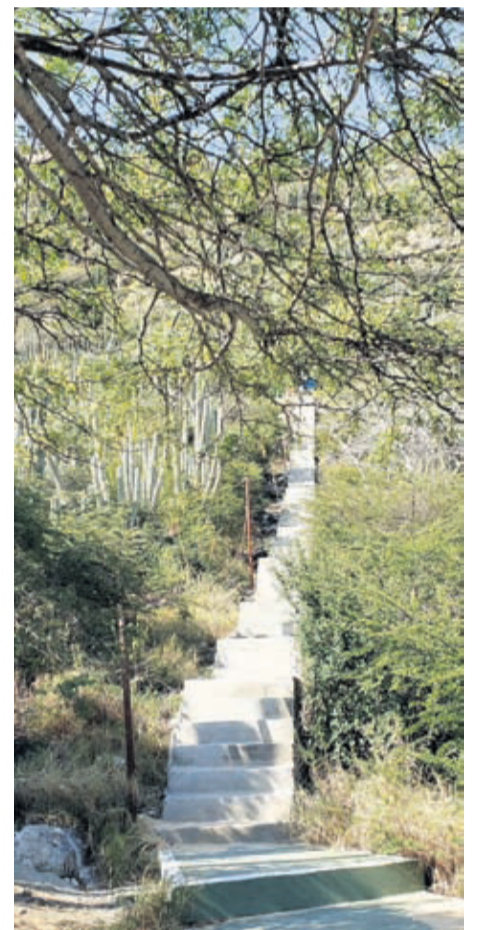
**Enjoy one of the best views on Aruba at the top of the Hooiberg Hill**

(Oranjestad)—If you are a regular hiker, or maybe want to spice up your morning work out session, then you might enjoy one of the most popular climbing sites on the island: The Hooiberg Hill. Accompanied with a 600-step staircase, this hill overlooks a great part of the island, the Caribbean sea, and sometimes even the Santa Anna mountain located in the coastal state of Falcon in Venezuela, providing one of the best views you can get on Aruba.

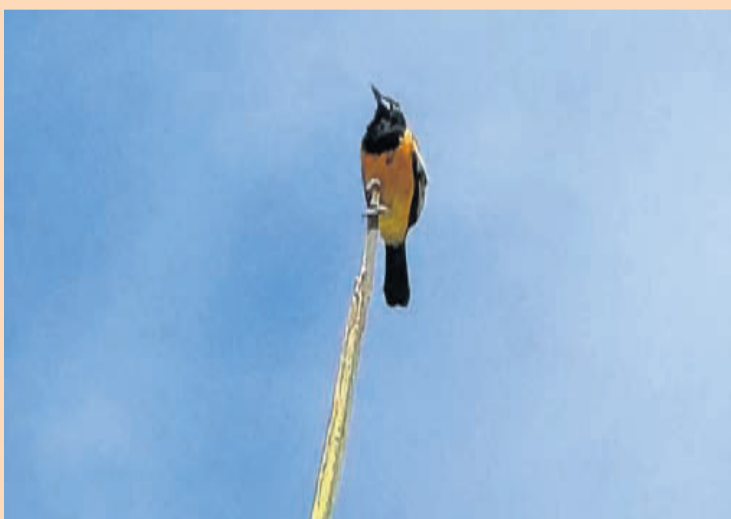


located at the center district of the island, Santa Cruz, the Hooiberg Hill is the second highest point on the island at 165 meters above sea level (or about 540 feet above sea level). The highest point is Jamanota Hill at 189 meters (620 feet), located in the Arikok National Park. The staircase that run on the side of the hill was first built in 1951, when Mr. Eduardo Tromp constructed it. At that time, the staircase consisted of 900 steps. Over time, as the steps faced erosion, the govern-

ment decided to renovate these stairs in 1991. This new project delivered the newer staircase with only 587 steps. However, don't be fooled—it may still be a work out to get on top. In addition, there is now a gazebo placed halfway up the stair for a little rest. The view at this resting stop is also a sight to see. The best time to climb the hill would be early in the morning or right before sunset, as it may not be as hot. However, the hill is of course open all day, every day. □



**Aruba to me**



**ORANJESTAD — You are back and we would like to portrait you! By inviting you to send us your favorite vacation picture while enjoying our Happy Island.**

Complete the sentence:

Aruba to me is ..... Send your picture with that text (including your name and where you are from) to: [news@arubatoday.com](mailto:news@arubatoday.com) and we will publish your vacation memory. Isn't that a special way to keep

your best moments alive? Please do note: By submitting photos, text or any other materials, you give permission to The Aruba Today Newspaper, Caribbean Speed Printers and any of its affiliated companies to use said materials, as well as names, likeness, etc. for promotional purposes without compensation.

Last but not least: check out our website, Instagram and Facebook page! Thank you for supporting our free newspaper, we strive to make you a happy reader every day again.

For today we received a lovely message from our awesome visitors Mary and Don Alhart.

They wrote to us saying: "Aruba to me is an Orange Trupial! I am not an avid birdwatcher, but I could not help but notice a brightly colored bird at the very top of a palm tree, while relaxing poolside at the Marriott Aruba Surf Club. It was perched at the very top of an antenna-like branch and remained there for several minutes. With the help of friends we went online to confirm both the appearance and

the unique sound of the species (I hope we were correct!).

I discovered the Orange Trupial does not make its own nest, instead using an existing abandoned nest. It is much like us, as tourists. We use the "abandoned nests" at the beautiful resorts for our "stays" in Aruba. One happy bird. One happy touris—on One Happy Island!

Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □





Article by Etnia Nativa  
 WhatsApp us 592 2702 and book your Aruban experience!  
 Etnia Nativa is close to high rise Hotels



## Snakes of Aruba

Each week, Island Insight shares with you a story of Aruba through the eyes of Etnia Nativa, where we welcome our guests to an island experience far beyond their usual expectations. We link you with the mystical aspects of the island, its native culture, and its traditional heritage. In this episode, we share about some species of snakes that evolved into separate or Aruban subspecies, island animals that are not found anywhere else in the world. However, they are all related to their continental ancestors. Thousands of years of isolation on our island have allowed them to develop and adapt their unique survival characteristics in behavior, size, and appearance. These are: "rattlesnake," "santanero," and "red worm or midget snake."

Rattlesnake (*Crotalus unicolor*) is the native totem of agriculture, the caretaker of the harvest land, "Cuidado di Cunuco," known locally as rattlesnake. This snake is relatively small—70 cm long. It is a venomous snake; it adapts to its environment, and its body is shades of gray, light brown or light pink. It has faint brown diamond-shaped markings on its back. The shapes and coloration of the diamonds are most visible on the backs of juvenile specimens. The rattlesnake's most distinctive feature is the rattle at the end of its tail, which emits a buzzing sound when the snake becomes alarmed or threatened. These snakes are shy and not very aggressive; however, their venom

can be dangerous and cause serious injuries.

They are snakes that sit and wait for their prey. You can usually find them waiting for prey under bushes, fruit trees, and shady places, waiting for lizards, mice, rats, birds, bat frogs, and even juvenile rabbits. They once lived all over the island, but are now restricted to the mountainous areas surrounding Arikok National Park. If you see one, don't disturb it. Do not try to catch it; much less harm it, as it is an endangered and protected species.

Santanero (*Leptodeira bakeri*), or Aruba cat's eye snake, also known as a stinking snake because of the foul smell that sticks to your hand when handled by a Santanero, or dweller of the graveyard, can be found all over Aruba. In times of rain, it is common to find them near dams and even crossing roads at night. Santanero is a slender snake and is approximately 50 cm long.

We can recognize this snake by the

## Episode CCXLVII - 247

large scales on the top of its head and by its dark brown bands alternating with light brown bands. The belly is white or cream in color and is smooth, without any markings. They usually remain hidden during the day among plant leaves or under rocks. They are quite active at night when they are looking for their prey. They eat small toads, frogs, insects, and lizards. They often climb trees and cacti.

Santanero is shy and not aggressive at all when handled. However, it has enlarged teeth at the back of its upper jaws that emit mild venom that paralyzes its prey to be swallowed whole since Santanero does not coil around or constrict its prey to suffocate and immobilize them. Although mildly venomous, Santanero rarely bites when handled, and its venom is not considered dangerous to humans. Even though the old ways warn that its bite could make you suffer a dull, persistent pain and aching of your bones for some days, especially the long bones of your arms and legs.

Small red worm snake (*Leptotyphlops arubrum*), to which we have dedicated the episode "Get to Know Aruba's Small Snake, lives mainly underground, is very cryptic, and hunts termites and ant eggs. Not much is known about their habits. We know these snakes can reproduce different pheromones, allowing them to enter termite nests, etc. The insects do not recognize the intruder due to the pheromone it imitates, and therefore the termites or ants do not sound the alarm to defend themselves or attack. These snakes also have the ability to leave trails for termites, which lead them to their nests.

If knowing more about Aruba is on your itinerary, Etnia Nativa is your only choice—a unique native gem! Let Anthony, our acclaimed cultural columnist, guide and lecture you regarding the most interesting and revealing stories regarding Aruba's uncovering knowledge acquired through generations of native ethnic presence, an beyond beaches learning adventure. Visit his magnificent dwelling that integrates reused materials with nature, bursting with culture and island heritage! WhatsApp +297 592 2702 [etnianativa03@gmail.com](mailto:etnianativa03@gmail.com)





## A brief history of the California Light House

(Oranjestad)—At the furthest western point of the island, there lies the tallest structure on the island: The California Light House. Standing on top of a limestone cliff, this lighthouse oversees the entire island, offering one of few best views of the island and the surrounding sea. It is also one of the few monuments that hold a rich history.

The lighthouse was constructed in between 1914-1916, and its first keeper was a young trained lighthouse keeper from Curacao names Jacob Jacobs. Mr. Frederico Fingal was the last man to have occupied this position until 1962. Though his son, Mr. Romulo Fingal did not continue in his father's footsteps, he does have a special connection to the lighthouse. He sat down with our reporter and shared a bit of its history.

As Mr. Fingal explains, "In 1915, cargo donkeys were hired from Figaroa di Noord to help build the Lighthouse at Westpunt. The donkeys had to walk along the beach all the way to Westpunt carrying the cargo, poles, cement, and all these things. At that time, it was a difficult task until Aruba got its first truck. These things reflect how people could have accomplished this tremendous job with so little." Mr. Fingal said, "At that time, it wasn't a place for people to work. It was very challenging because it was full of goats and donkeys, and it was very isolated. There were no hotels or roads to get there. There was only a donkey trail. Those were the only means of transportation."

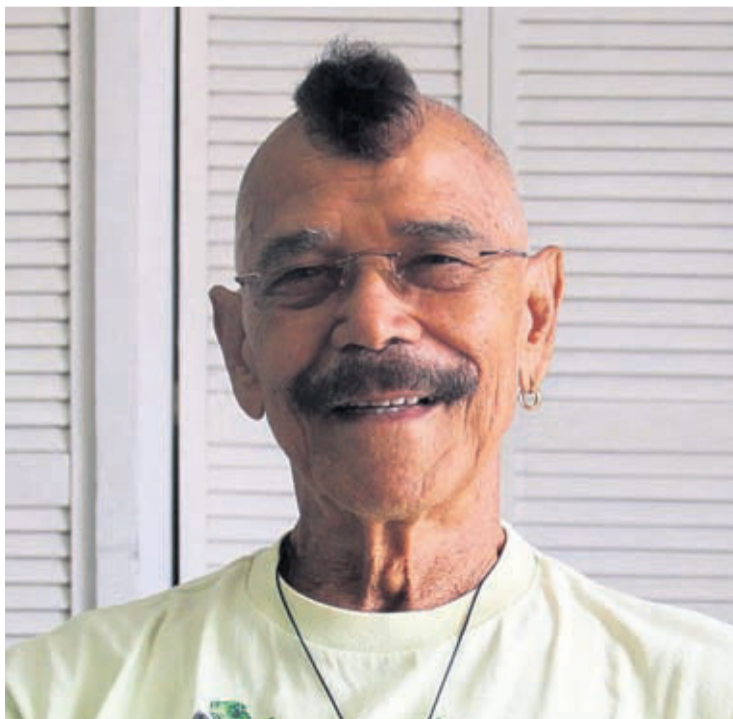
Mr. Fingal continues, "In 1939, I was born in the lighthouse, and my father was the last lighthouse keeper until he retired in 1962. After that, they removed the power cables all the way to the top. According to the story, we couldn't have the light ourselves because they dismantled it, and after many years, I heard that it is in a train museum



in San Nicolas, where we found this very special lens that, when the light shines through it, it reaches 30 kilometers out to sea." Mr. Fingal told our reporter.

The lighthouse has a long and very interesting history. The reason why the lighthouse was built, according to Mr. Fingal, dates back to the day when the cargo ship S.S. California sank because of the lack of light. In 1913, Aruba made a request to Curacao to build

a Lighthouse at Westpunt, and the governor of Curacao responded to Aruba to come back in 1915 with a well-detailed plan. "During the First World War from 1914 to 1918, they had to wait for the light to be transported to Aruba because it was manufactured in France. At that time, there was no electricity, and the light was very interesting because it rotated with a kerosene lamp that planes used; clean kerosene," Mr. Fingal said.



Mr. Fingal discovered something very interesting about the lighthouse after much research was documented in his book 'History of the Lighthouse at Westpunt.' He found many details: "I found out that the height of the lighthouse was due to the absence of electricity. There was also the presence of coral. There is a long steel cable from where the light is, and under the light, at the highest point, there is a hanging weight, a sort of pendulum that swings like that, with a weight that measures about 1 meter by 30 centimeters wide, which is a block of solid iron attached to a cable. When you release it upwards, it comes down, and the weight that comes down pulls it up, gradually. And while it comes down, the same weight that is descending causes many small wheels to turn in the opposite direction. The Lighthouse rotates from 6 pm in the evening, when the sun sets, until 6 am in the morning. During the entire night, the light shines on the lantern, it goes down 24 meters, and

the Lighthouse is 30 meters high. It is designed not to collapse," Mr. Fingal explains.

Mr. Fingal further explains that in one night, the lighthouse rotates 4,320 times and consumes one gallon of kerosene for the whole operation. "At that time, the kerosene was supplied from the Lago refinery. Every day it was brought down, and to start the light again, they had to lift the weight up, so our job as children was to crank it and raise the weight back up in the evening when the light stuck, they would take it down again, and the light stayed down. That's how it worked for a very long time," Mr. Fingal explains.

Thanks to the Monument Fund Aruba, which worked hard and is currently in charge of the Lighthouse, Mr. Fingal is very happy with its preservation, along with all the renovations that have taken place. He hopes that the story of the lighthouse will continue to live on for future generations.



**CROSSWORD**

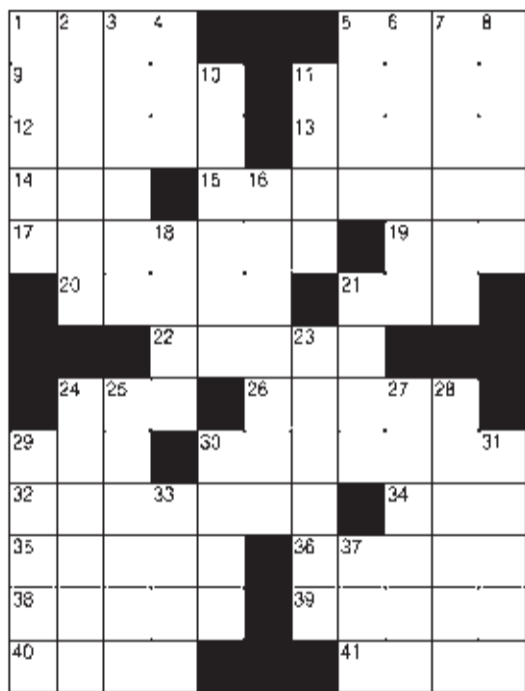
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 39 Has a meal
  - 1 Salon sound
  - 5 Perfume unit
  - 9 Pay tribute to
  - 11 Bowling round
  - 12 Confuse
  - 13 External
  - 14 Floral accessory
  - 15 Pulling with effort
  - 17 Trailing behind
  - 19 Exalted work
  - 20 Unfettered
  - 21 Hosp. workers
  - 22 Scarlett's last name
  - 24 Suffered from
  - 26 Fails miserably
  - 29 Heir, often
  - 30 Gaiter's cousin
  - 32 Timber business
  - 34 West of films
  - 35 Steer clear of
  - 36 Summon up
  - 38 Shore fliers
- DOWN**
- 1 "We — overcome"
  - 2 "Forget it!"
  - 3 Blue hue
  - 4 Campaign pro
  - 5 Pharmacy buy
  - 6 Parcel out
  - 7 Adds changes to
  - 8 Join together
  - 10 Keen enjoyment
  - 11 Verne's traveler
  - 16 Left on the plate
  - 18 Evil fighter
  - 21 Tolled dates
  - 23 In tatters
  - 24 Coolidge's successor
  - 25 Soft wool
  - 27 Geisha garb
  - 28 Moved like a conga line
  - 29 List of candi-dates
  - 30 Tops
  - 31 Gaggle group
  - 33 Tonic mixers
  - 37 Energy



**Yesterday's answer**

- 11 Verne's traveler
- 16 Left on the plate
- 18 Evil fighter
- 21 Tolled dates
- 23 In tatters
- 24 Coolidge's successor
- 25 Soft wool
- 27 Geisha garb
- 28 Moved like a conga line
- 29 List of candi-dates
- 30 Tops
- 31 Gaggle group
- 33 Tonic mixers
- 37 Energy



AXYDI.BAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three I's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**3-6 CRYPTOQUOTE**  
BPO ZOKZOB CD RX VIDO HA

BPMB H PMEO TCB AMHI "H

VCEO XCY" CDBOT OTCYKP.

— XCQC CTC  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THIS IS THE PERFUME OF MARCH: RAIN, LOAM, FEATHERS, MINT. — LISA KLEYPAS



**Marriott Aruba Surf Club PLATINUM SEASON**

- 2 Bed Oceanfront \$35,000
  - 2 Bed Oceanside \$19,000
  - 2 Bed Ocean view \$22,000
  - 2 Bed Garden view \$15,000
  - 3 Bed Ocean view \$30,000
  - WK 51 Ocean view \$65,000
  - WK 52 Ocean View \$65,000
  - WK 7 and 14 - all views
- GOLD SEASON**
- 2 Bed Oceanfront \$18,000
  - 2 Bed Oceanside \$9,750
  - 2 Bed Ocean view \$9,000
  - 2 Bed Garden view \$7,000
  - 3 Bed Ocean view \$16,500

**Marriott Aruba Ocean Club PLATINUM SEASON**

- 2 Bed Oceanfront \$36,000
  - 2 Bed Ocean view \$27,000
  - 1 Bed Ocean front \$22,000
  - 1 Bed Ocean View \$17,500
- GOLD SEASON**
- 2 Bed Oceanfront \$18,000
  - 2 Bed Ocean view \$10,000
  - 1 Bed oceanfront \$11,000
  - 1 Bed ocean View \$7,500

\*\* Destination Points \$5.00 per point

**La Cabana Beach Resort**  
1 Bed wk 39 \$4,500

**We are the #1 Rental Timeshare agent for Aruba!**

We also RENT Aruba weeks for owners, Contact us to BUY, SELL or RENT any timeshare property.

**Contact:**  
stephanie@conciergealty.com  
**888-888-2204 Ext 104**  
**Website:**  
www.conciergealty.com  
**Broker: Stephanie Reidel**  
www.facebook.com/groups/MarriottArubaSurf/  
www.facebook.com/groups/MarriottAruba/Ocean

**ARUBA CLEAN**



**IS MORE DUSHI**



**Editor**  
Caribbean Speed Printers N.V.  
Aruba Bank N.V. Acc. #332668  
Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V.  
Acc. #23951903  
RBC Royal Bank Acc. #1330772

**Editors**

Pilar Flores  
Richard Brooks  
Angenette Figuero

**Sales**

Mark Gomes  
Sulaika Croes

**Classifieds**

classified@cspnv.com

**Distribution and Collection**

accounting@bondia.com

**Social / Website**

Juan Luis Pinto

Weststraat 22  
T: 582-7800  
E: news@arubatoday.com  
W: www.arubatoday.com  
f @arubatoday

- Cibbean Palm Village**
- Wk 51 2BR \$2,700
  - Wk 51 1BR \$1,900
  - Wk 52 1BR \$1,900
  - Wk 3 1BR \$1,900
  - Wk 8 1BR \$1,700
  - Wk 9 1BR \$1,700
  - Wk 11 2BR \$2,400
  - Wk12 1 BR \$1,500
- Sales.cpv@hotmail.com

218038

**Casa Del Mar 2BR/2B:**

Week 2/Unit 1113 (21k);  
Week 8/Unit 1113 (19k);  
Week 8/Unit 1409 (19k);  
Week 10/Unit 1207 (19k);  
Week 13/Unit 1509 (14k); and,  
Week 14/Unit 1308 (14k).  
CDMOwner@gmail.com  
US(Call/Text): (860)992-3890

217264

**HTTA ( Halley Time Travel Aruba)**

Looking to purchase for our clients  
Marriott surf club and Ocean Club  
All Size of units and Season  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Renaissance ocean suites**

Private islands  
1 BR WK # 15 room # 2111  
Ground floor pool/ ocean view  
Price : \$ 9 K  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**T-DAY BONDIA**  
**How to reach us!**  
Downtown

**Honey Dolls**  
MESSAGE AND ESCORT SERVICE  
**Beautiful Latin Girls**  
Pick-up & Delivery  
Serving Men - Couple - Women - All Genders  
**+297 565-9535**  
WWW.PLEASUREINARUBA.COM



# Classifieds

**The Reef**  
**Eagle beach**  
3 x Condo  
2 BR 2 Bath 2nd floor  
Price : \$ 923,650 / \$852 ,600  
\$742,100  
Call : 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**The Reef**  
**Eagle Beach**  
2 BR 2 Bath 3 rd floor  
Price : \$935,226  
2 BR 2 bath 4th floor  
Price : \$ 982,958.91  
Call: 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**The Reef**  
**Eagle beach**  
2 BR 2 Bath 4 th floor  
Price :\$ 807,805.25  
2 BR 2 bath 5 th floor  
Price : \$837,128.25  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**The Reef**  
**Eagle Beach**  
2 BR 2 Bath 6 th floor  
Price : \$1,6061.901.78  
2 BR 2 Bath 6th floor  
Price : \$ 837,128.75  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**The Reef**  
**Eagle beach**  
2 BR 2 Bath 7 th floor  
Price : \$ 1,192,626.12  
2 BR 2 Bath 7 th floor  
Price : \$928,889.46  
Call:011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**The Reef**  
**Eagle Beach**  
2 BR 2 Bath 8 th floor  
Price :\$ 1,165,755.11  
2 BR 2 Bath 8 th floor  
Price : \$961,400.59  
Call : 011-297-630-1307  
Johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**La Quinta Beach Resort**  
Eagle beach  
2 Bedroom 2 Bath Week 12  
Room # 2002 /2012  
Ocean view  
Price : \$ 10 K  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
Johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Blue Residence**  
Eagle beach Indigo Tower  
2 BR 2 Bath unit # 112  
Ground floor: \$ 648,500  
2 BR 2 Bath unit # 214  
2 sd floor :\$623,480  
Call : 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Blue Residence**  
Eagle beach Indigo Tower  
3 BR 4 Bath PH 1-2  
8th Floor: \$1,255,000  
3 BR 4 Bath PH 1-3  
8 th floor :\$1, 196,000  
Call : 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Blue Residence**  
Eagle Beach Aqaumarine Tower  
3 BR 3 bath unit # 221  
2 sd floor:\$782,500  
2 BR 2 Bath unit # 622  
6 th floor :\$ 719,800  
Call : 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Blue Residence**  
Eagle beach Torquoise Tower  
4 BR 4 Bath TH -4 :\$1,159,650  
Ground floor/ Duplex  
2 BR 2 bath unit#536  
4 th floor: \$710,000  
Call:011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Azure Residence**  
**Eagle beach**  
2BR 2 Bath unit # 513  
5 th floor : \$765,400  
Call : 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Oceania Residence**  
**Eagle beach**  
2BR 2 Bath unit # 423  
4 th Eagle :\$868,500  
1 BR 2 Bath  
3 rd Racket club :\$495,000  
Call:011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Barcelo Resorts**  
Palm Beach All inclusive  
3 BR 3 Bath on the 9 th Floor  
Ocean Front WK 6 and 7  
Price :\$80 K both weeks  
1 BR WK 8 Deluxe \$15 K  
Call:011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Barcelo Resorts**  
Palm beach  
Jr , Suite week # 2,3,4  
1 Bedroom floating week 2-17  
All inclusive  
Price studio :\$ 30 K  
One bedroom: :\$13 K  
Call : 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Divi Village Golf**  
Eagle beach  
1 BR WK # 9 Room # 2118  
Studio WK # 9 Room # 2117  
22 weeks remaining  
Price : 1 BR \$9 K studio \$7 K  
Call:011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Divi Village golf**  
Eagle beach  
1 BR 2 Bath Birdie 3  
WK # 11 room # 2215  
22 weeks remaining  
Price :\$ 9 K  
Call: 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Divi Dutch village**  
Eagle beach  
Studio WK # 12 room # 33  
30 weeks remaining \$9 K  
Studio WK # 15 room # 125  
32 weeks remaining \$9 K  
Call : 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**La Quinta Beach Resort**  
Eagle Beach  
Town House  
2 Bedroom 2 Bath  
Week # 9 room # 212  
Price : \$ 12 K  
Call : 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Marriott Destination Points**  
Palm Beach  
For sale at :\$ 6 a points  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Ambassador suites**  
Eagle beach  
1 BR WK 7 R# 1133 \$ 7800  
1 BR WK 9 R# 1431 \$ 8400  
1 BR WK11 R# 1329 \$8400  
1 BR WK11 R# 1326 \$8400  
1 BR WK11 R# 1428 \$8400  
Call : 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Ambassador suites**  
Eagle beach  
1 BR WK # 12 R# 1430 \$8400  
1 BR WK # 12 R# 1233 \$8400  
1 BR WK # 12 R # 1428 \$8400  
1 BR WK # 12 R# 1328 \$8000  
2 BR WK # 12 R# 1505 \$18,000  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**HTTA ( Halley Time Travel Aruba)**  
Looking to purchase for our clients  
Marriott surf club and Ocean Club  
All Size of units and Season  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Renaissance ocean suites**  
Private islands  
1 BR WK # 7 Room # 2144  
Ground floor harbor /ocean view  
1 BR WK # 7 Room # 2126  
Grond floor Harbor / Ocean  
Price : \$11,000 each  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**HTTA**  
**Halley Time Travel Aruba**  
To All Time - Share owners  
That are interested in selling  
Your Time - Share in Aruba  
Contact the experts 37 years  
Of doing honest business  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Sero Colorado**  
Property land ocean view  
Two lot of 1875M2 @ \$300 M2  
Can sell separate or both  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Eagle Resort**  
Eagle beach  
1 BR WK # 8 room # 1542 F  
Ground floor \$ 8 K  
1 BR WK # 8 room # 4561  
4 th floor \$ 8 K  
Call : 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**New Condo Project**  
At Nanki at rodgers beach  
One bedroom and two bedroom  
Pre- Construction prices  
Starting at \$426,665 one bedroom  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**New Condo Project**  
Down Town Ocean view  
Casa Playa residence Aruba  
One bedroom and Two bedrooms  
Price starting at :\$346,447,50 one bedroom  
Call : 011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Wacamaya Condo**  
Noord  
One bedroom one bath  
Fully finished  
Price : \$320 K  
Call :011-297-630-1307  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

**Marriott Surf Club**  
Palm beach  
Platinum season  
2 Bedroom Ocean side  
Light house building  
Price :\$ 25 K  
Call : 011-297-630-130  
johnnypaesch@gmail.com



**HEALTH**

**DOCTOR ON DUTY**

**Oranjestad**  
Hospital 7:00 pm / 10:00pm  
Tel. 527 4000

**San Nicolas**  
Imsan 24 hours  
Tel.524 8833

**PHARMACY ON DUTY**

**Oranjestad:**  
Oduber : Tel.582 1780  
Seroe Preto:Tel. 584 4833

Women in Difficulties

**OTHER**

Dental Clinic 587 9850  
Blood Bank Aruba 587 0002  
Urgent Care 586 0448  
Walk-In Doctor's Clinic  
+297 588 0539

**EMERGENCY**

Police	100
Oranjestad	527 3140
Noord	527 3200
Sta. Cruz	527 2900
San Nicolas	584 5000
Police Tipline	11141
Ambulancia	911
Fire Dept.	115
Red Cross	582 2219

**TAXI SERVICES**

Taxi Tas	587 5900
Prof. Taxi	588 0035
Taxi D.T.S.	587 2300
Taxi Serv. Aruba	583 3232
A1 Taxi Serv.	280 2828

**TRAVEL INFO**

Aruba Airport	524 2424
American Airlines	582 2700
Avianca	588 0059
Jet Blue	588 2244
Surinam	582 7896

**AID FOUNDATIONS**

**FAVI- Visually Impaired**  
Tel. 582 5051

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Tel. 736 2952

**Narcotics Anonymous**  
Tel. 583 8989

**Fundacion Contra Violencia Relacional** Tel. 583 5400

**Centre for Diabetes**  
Tel. 524 8888

**Child Abuse Prevention**  
Tel. 582 4433

**Quota Club** Tel. 525 2672

**General Info**

Phone Directory Tel. 118

217606





## Q&A: Julianne Moore and Nicholas Galitzine set out to seduce a king in 'Mary & George'

By **HILARY FOX**  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — One of the original momagers, Mary Villiers knew how to use her son to get wealth, power and prestige.

In "Mary & George," Julianne Moore plays the white ruff-wearing, pushy mom who took advantage of her son George's charms to win favor in the court of King James I in 17th century England.

"People who do that are using their kids as proxies, right? They're living through them," says Moore. "She sees in George what she would like, a kind of access to the world. You know, he's male, he's good looking, he's charming. And she really believes that, that's how you succeed. She sees a way forward. She has a way to the top." Billed as a psychosexual drama, the seven-part period piece launches on Sky in the U.K. on Tuesday, arriving in the U.S. and Canada April 5 on Starz.

Based on the book by Benjamin Woolley, the show follows Villiers, a real person who had her son trained in conversation, music and seduction to win over the monarch. Amid the wood



This image released by Starz shows Julianne Moore, left, and Nicholas Galitzine in a scene from "Mary & George."

paneling and lute-playing, life at court is made up of bodices and bodies, where real poison and poisonous rumors can ruin lives, reputations or both.

Moore and Nicholas Galitzine, who portrays George, sat down with The Associated Press to discuss how this family duo set out to captivate the crown in "Mary & George" while admitting that they probably wouldn't have suc-

ceeded in the Jacobean era as well as their real-life counterparts.

Answers have been edited for brevity and clarity.

**AP:** How do you think you would have done in that time period, in that society?

**MOORE:** I don't know that I am as inventive as Mary Villiers was, you know? She's someone who kind of grabbed at every opportunity and lived in a place that was, as a female per-

son, relatively low status. So she only had agency through her marriages and children. What she did was really crazy, I might have just rolled over and died.

**GALITZINE:** I think most of us would feel the same way. That's what's so unique about the story is, we are not all those people who have that nous and that want to ascend in that way. So yeah, (I'd) probably die of some horrible

disease myself.

**AP:** Your character George is an LGBTQ icon.

**GALITZINE:** He does exist, yes, as an icon. And I hope will continue to be so after the show comes out. That was actually a really interesting thing to discover. Him being from the 1600s, you know, you might doubt his relevancy today. But he's actually mentioned in the book of a movie I did, "Red, White & Royal Blue," which is a really interesting sort of tether between the two. So that was personally very gratifying.

**AP:** I need to talk to Julianne about the accent, which is perfection.

**MOORE:** Thank you. I just had one wonderful coach named Majella Hurley, who was there with me every day. I got very, very attached to her. We'd see each other in the weekends, go through the week's work, and then she was there and would listen to me. And I listen to people on the street, and I listen to my coworkers and I, you know, and I lived in a state of abject terror, thinking that I would get it wrong and hoping that someone would tell me if it was wrong. □

Associated Press

## Sinead O'Connor's estate asks Donald Trump to stop playing her music at rallies

**LONDON (AP)** — The estate of Sinead O'Connor on Monday asked Donald Trump not to play her mu-



Irish singer Sinead O'Connor performs on the Stravinski Hall stage at the 49th Montreux Jazz Festival, in Montreux, Switzerland on July 4, 2015.

Associated Press

sic at campaign rallies, saying the late singer considered the former president a "biblical devil."

Trump has played O'Connor's biggest hit, "Nothing Compares 2 U," at events as he campaigns for the Republican presidential nomination.

In a joint statement, O'Connor's estate and her record label, Chrysalis, demanded Trump "desist from using her music immediately."

It said the Irish singer, who died last year aged 56, "lived by a fierce moral code defined by honesty, kindness, fairness and de-

ciency towards her fellow human beings."

"It was with outrage therefore that we learned that Donald Trump has been using her iconic performance of Nothing Compares 2 U at his political rallies," the statement said.

"It is no exaggeration to say that Sinead would have been disgusted, hurt and insulted to have her work misrepresented in this way by someone who she herself referred to as a 'biblical devil.' As the guardians of her legacy, we demand that Donald Trump and his associates desist from using her music immediately." □

Fiery and outspoken, O'Connor was a critic of the Roman Catholic Church well before allegations of sexual abuse were widely reported, and was open about her mental health struggles.

She was found unresponsive at her London home in July and pronounced dead at the scene. A coroner ruled that she died of natural causes.

O'Connor joins a growing list of artists who have objected to Trump using their songs, including Rihanna, Neil Young, Linkin Park, the late Tom Petty and Aerosmith's Steven Tyler. □



**Workation?**

Get your *Prepaid Wireless Broadband* and stay connected everywhere in Aruba!!!



## Analysis: Kevin Love and DeMar DeRozan still have plenty to say about mental health

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Basketball Writer

DeMar DeRozan and Kevin Love still have things to say. It's been six years since they went public with their challenges regarding mental health. DeRozan started a conversation with a tweet about depression in February 2018. Love followed a few weeks later with a first-person essay about his anxiety. And it didn't take long for the entire NBA community to stand up and take notice.

DeRozan and Love instantly became catalysts that sparked a shift toward destigmatizing mental health issues in the NBA. It has become a passion for both and it's still raring. DeRozan has a new video series of 1-on-1 conversations over dinners with athletes and celebrities about mental health, while Love hosted an event Monday with high school students to talk on the floor that he and the Miami Heat call home about issues and help them understand that everyone is going through something. "Some of the greatest conversations that I've ever had and witnessed was at a dinner table. It's fitting to be able to be in a position to have open-heart dialogue about some real things that we deal with on a daily basis," DeRozan, the Chicago Bulls guard, said in a promo for the "Dinners with DeMar" series that started last month with Draymond Green. The series continues Tuesday with Dwyane Wade and has another episode coming in two weeks with Damian Lillard. "So, there's so much that can come from a dinner table conversation." Or a tweet. Or an essay. Or



**Miami Heat's Kevin Love (42) reacts during the second half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Milwaukee Bucks on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, in Milwaukee.**

just a locker room chat. It all helps.

For Love, this path toward talking about his issues which date back to his childhood truly started on Nov. 5, 2017, when he was playing for Cleveland in a home game against Atlanta. It was the third quarter. His heart was racing. He couldn't breathe normally. He didn't know it at the time, but he was having a panic attack. Similar issues hit him in another game against Oklahoma City a couple of months later.

And a month or so after that, DeRozan tweeted about depression. Love finally knew he wasn't alone. The path toward healing was underway.

"DeMar changed my life," Love said. "If not for him, I don't know. Could be

dead. That's a real thing. But DeMar's special. He did that not knowing what would come of it."

It made sense for some to ask how DeRozan and Love both incredibly rich, each with a chance of going to the Basketball Hall of Fame, multi-time All-Stars, living the good life of the NBA could possibly be depressed. They helped kick down the stigma that successful people cannot struggle. Both have spoken about how players around the league have approached them and asked how to start down their own paths toward understanding and improving their mental health.

"It illustrates that success is not immune to depression," actor Bryan Cranston tweeted in 2018, in reaction

to chef Anthony Bourdain's and fashion icon Kate Spade's deaths by suicide just days apart.

That quote has stuck with Love ever since. He referenced it Monday, word for word.

"Teammates trusting me and allowing me to be unapologetically myself allowed me to be more comfortable in my own skin and actually able to breathe better out there on the floor," Love said. "Sharing your story, you might change your own life. You might change the next person's life. It's an amazing thing."

This is, obviously, not just an NBA issue.

The National Institute on Mental Health said it estimated that 21 million adults in the U.S. that's one out of

every 12 had at least one major depressive episode in 2021. And among adolescents between the ages of 12 to 17, it was even more prevalent, with basically 1 in 5 (20.1%) having such an episode that year. Love started the Kevin Love Fund to help provide resources that people need, including an educational component where teachers and counselors are given a curriculum toward social emotional learning. The message is tailored to each place, each student, but the basic tenet is this: letting kids know that they aren't alone.

"It's a beautiful thing to see where this is heading," Love said. The fight is never over. DeRozan and Love never asked to be the faces of change, yet neither has shunned the role, either. By letting others know six years ago that they themselves were broken, they touched lives in a way that hitting a game-winning shot never would. It was real. It mattered.

So, they're still talking. Still sharing. Still helping others. Still helping themselves.

"I definitely think continuing doing things like this, helping one another, speaking about the ups and the downs, the dark places, trying to address it right away instead of letting it linger, we're definitely helping one another," DeRozan said. "I'm happy to be here, to be able to do this." Love hasn't been asked to be part of DeRozan's dinner conversation series yet. If DeRozan asks, Love will instantly accept.

It only seems right. "Every time I see DeMar, I tell him the same thing," Love said. "I love him." □



## Verlander, Gray and Giolito all in question for opening day after injuries hit starting pitchers

By **TIM BOOTH**  
AP Sports Writer

The news hit one after another on Tuesday. Three big-name right-handed starting pitchers all dealing with injuries that could cause each to miss the start of the regular season – and potentially more.

Houston's Justin Verlander, St. Louis' Sonny Gray and Boston's Lucas Giolito are all dealing with various injuries.

Verlander will start the season on the injured list after being slowed by inflammation in his pitching shoulder during the offseason. Gray has a hamstring strain sustained Monday. And Giolito reported discomfort in his pitching elbow following last week's start in which he was roughed up.

"We're obviously concerned. Not a good day for us," Boston manager Alex Cora told reporters in Florida.

Verlander is the biggest name of the three, although his situation appears to be more of a delay than a long-term concern. Astros



Houston Astros pitcher Justin Verlander (35) warms up as he prepared to throw during spring training baseball workouts, Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

manager Joe Espada said Tuesday the 41-year-old Verlander hasn't suffered any setbacks or soreness following bullpen sessions but needs more time to become game ready.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner is expected to throw in the bullpen again on Friday but has yet to face hitters. But a delay to the start of the season

could jeopardize his conditional \$35 million option for 2025. Giolito will have additional exams to determine the severity of his injury, but there's worry it could be a long-term issue.

Giolito signed a \$38.5 million, two-year deal with the Red Sox this offseason. The 29-year-old is coming off a 2023 season where he gave up a league-high 41

home runs and had a 4.88 ERA pitching for the White Sox, Angels and Guardians. Gray may be the one of the three that has a chance to make it back for opening day, which he was slated to start against the Los Angeles Dodgers on March 28.

Gray left his start Monday against Washington after 20 pitches. The Cardinals

initially said Gray had tightness in his hamstring, and an MRI revealed the strain. Following their poorest season since 1995, the Cardinals gave Gray a \$75 million, three-year contract in November to anchor a revamped rotation. Because the strain is mild, all parties are holding out hope Gray can make it back by the opener.

"If it's in the cards for me to still do that, then obviously I'm going to do everything in my power to make that happen," Gray said Tuesday.

**GOOD NEWS FOR ATLANTA** National League MVP Ronald Acuña Jr. is expected to be ready for opening day with the Atlanta Braves after a more thorough examination of his sore right knee found no serious issues. Acuña left the Braves' spring training site in Florida to be examined by Dr. Neal ElAttrache in Los Angeles on Monday night.

The team announced Tuesday that ElAttrache found only irritation in the meniscus of his right knee. □

## WNBA to use optical tracking to enhance player analysis

By **DOUG FEINBERG**  
AP Basketball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The WNBA will become the first women's professional sports league in the U.S. to have league-wide optical tracking after entering a multi-year deal with Second Spectrum, a Genius Sports technology solution.

With this deal, the WNBA will have access to 3D tracking data that will allow teams to use real-time advance stats that can measure categories such as shot quality, shooter impact and paint touches. It can also gauge a player's maximum speed and total distance covered in a game.

"Technology continues to fundamentally change the sports landscape," WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert said. "Deploying state-of-the-art optical tracking technology through Genius Sports will deliver rich data to our teams that they can leverage to enhance player performance while informing in-game strategy and enable a new wave of insights and media elements for fans."

There will be an array of cameras at each of the WNBA arenas that will help collect the data. Nearly half of the WNBA teams play in NBA arenas where the technology is already installed. □



Commissioner Cathy Engelbert speaks at the WNBA basketball draft Monday, April 10, 2023, in New York.

Associated Press